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SECOND PRIZE.

A New York Policeman's Wife Received the \$50 Silver Certificate.

Harlem Has the Honor of Being the Home of Proud Mother No. 2.

She Has Fourteen Living Children and Is but Forty-Two Years Old.

Policeman George F. Neggesmith, of the Harlem Squad, is the Happy Father.

The Winner of the Gold Double Eagle Consolation Prize Will Be Printed To-Morrow.

The second prize awarded by THE EVENING WORLD for the mother who has the honor of having the largest family of living children, is a fifty-dollar silver certificate, and it has been awarded to Mrs. Policeman George F. Neggesmith, of Harlem, who is the mother of fourteen beautiful children.

The prize is one which might have been given in Rome, where the state encouraged large families and bestowed favors upon them, and where the proud matron was wont to point to her children as her jewels. It is no slight distinction to have won the second prize in a contest which included as competitors the proud matrons of four cities in the great center of population of more than 2,500,000 people—the largest on this side the Atlantic. The mother who wins a prize in New York, wins for the New World. So it will be seen that the distinction is very great.

COURTESY OF THE PRIZE-WINNER. Far back in 1860, when Harlem was a little rural village, with green lanes and cowpaths, miles away from the busy roar of the metropolis, young Policeman Neggesmith, who was not yet on the force, used to play his devious to Miss Tillie Barringer. Wild flowers were the only girls who resided, six-eyed daisies were blooming in the meadows and there were no goats.

Harlem was then nearly all Morningside Park and was a pretty little girl, who pursued love's young dream. As to how many gatekeepers the future member of the police force went out, or how many times the elder Mr. Barringer used to get his boots resoled, the Harlem historians of that time have left no record.

MERRY WEDDING BELLS. In 1860, just before the war, the wedding bells broke the high ceiling of the wedding day, and the future Officer Neggesmith and Miss Tillie Barringer were married. The first little stranger who stopped at their house came in 1863, and soon after the establishment completely. Other little wayfarers dropped in as the years went by and divided the household with the first-born and with the latter, Policeman Neggesmith soon had a squad and then a platoon of boys.

Fearless and bold, as he was on his own beat, he had the high official's when he got in his own house. There the little Neggesmiths patrolled the precinct and were masters and arbiters of affairs. The youngest was ranked as a boy, and the oldest, the house as blessed and commanded its education.

FIFTEEN WITHIN TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS. The family circle grew and grew, till on Christmas Day, 1888, it contained fifteen children, the last being a boy, named Mattie, having arrived when the Christmas bells were ringing. Fifteen children in all were born to Mrs. Neggesmith, but one died, leaving fourteen.

ALL LIVE WITH THEIR PARENTS. The most charming thing about it is that the fourteen children, varying in age from twenty-seven years to eight months, are all united and live with their parents. The family circle has never been broken.

A HAPPY FAMILY CIRCLE. When the cares of the day are over and Policeman Neggesmith leaves his beat in charge of a brother officer, and puts his helmet on the rack and hangs his brass-buttoned coat on the wall, and sits down to his sternness and sits down to his evening tea in the bosom of his family, he sees fourteen children around his table. A wreath with four-hundred buds and leaves hangs from the ceiling.

A MERRY RING, beginning with a little girl baby in arms and ending with the eldest son, a young man of twenty-seven years. Around the table is seated a boy and a girl. None of the children have ever been seriously ill. In fact, the family has been remarkably healthy.

THE MOTHER STILL YOUNG. At one end of the table, young the tea with a motherly smile, sits Mrs. Neggesmith, who, surrounded by her fourteen children, is still handsome and looks as if she were only forty-two. She was born in 1847 and was married when she was fourteen years old. She would pass for thirty-five.

AND THE FATHER TOO. Officer Neggesmith is young looking too, for he is only forty-seven and looks about forty. Four of the fourteen children are twins and three more of the children were born on great holidays, viz: the Fourth of July, Evacuation Day and Christmas.

Five of the children have blue eyes and black eyes. One pair of twins are boys and one pair are a boy and a girl. None of the children have ever been seriously ill. In fact, the family has been remarkably healthy.

HEALTHY FROM OUTDOOR SPORTS. Perhaps this is because the children played so much out of doors. For sixteen years the family lived in a pleasant house opposite Mount Morris Park. The children played ground, and enjoyed as much freedom as the most happily situated young Indian might have in the West. They got the pure air every day, and so they grew up stout and healthy.

THEIR COZY HOME. At present the family live in a cozy house in

WINNERS OF THE SECOND PRIZE.

Policeman George F. Neggesmith, of the Harlem Squad, and His Wife and Fourteen Children.



1. Roundman George Neggesmith, the Father. 2. Mrs. George Neggesmith. 3. George J. Neggesmith. 4. Charles J. Neggesmith. 5. Henry M. Neggesmith. 6. Tillie N. Neggesmith. 7. Joseph F. Neggesmith. 8. Lottie T. Neggesmith. 9. Katie F. Neggesmith. 10. Thaddeus Neggesmith. 11. Freddy Neggesmith. 12. Tony H. Neggesmith. 13. Hermie Neggesmith. 14. Mattie Neggesmith.

One Hundred and Thirty-third street, near Fifth avenue. Officer Neggesmith has been sixteen years attached to the Harlem Police Station in One Hundred and Twenty-sixth street, and has won the reputation of being a courteous, faithful and efficient officer.

THE YOUNG NEGGESMITHS IN DETAIL. Of the children there are ten boys and four girls. Mr. George J. Neggesmith, the eldest son, was born in 1863. He has blue eyes and looks like his father. He is an amiable young gentleman, nearly twenty-seven years old, and is fond of playing the violin.

Charles I. Neggesmith, the second son, has dark eyes and looks like his mother. He was born in 1865. He is a young business man, twenty-four years old.

Harry M. Neggesmith was born in 1867, and is twenty-two years of age. He is employed in a business house. He has dark eyes and resembles his mother.

Miss Tillie Neggesmith, the eldest daughter, is almost the picture of her mother. She first saw the light in 1869, and so is now just twenty. She plays the piano with rare skill.

Joseph F. Neggesmith has blue eyes like his father. He was born in 1871 and is now eighteen years old.

John W. Neggesmith has dark eyes like his mother. He was born in 1874 and is now fifteen years old.

Miss Lottie T. Neggesmith is a very patriotic little girl, for she was born on the 4th of July, 1877, and may be said to have come to this planet amid the booming of cannon. She was certainly worthy of so great a demonstration, for she is a very pretty little girl. She has dark eyes and resembles her mother.

Miss Katie F. Neggesmith has blue eyes, and was born in 1879, and is now ten years old. She is a blue-eyed little girl, with light complexion, and resembles her father.

TWO BRACE OF TWINS. Thaddeus Neggesmith and Freddy Neggesmith are two handsome twin boys, eight years old. They were born in 1881. They are tall for their age. Thaddeus has dark eyes, and resembles his mother. Freddy has blue eyes and looks like his father.

Tony H. Neggesmith is a bright little fellow, six years old. He was born on a great day, for he opened his eyes on the world on Evacuation Day, 1888. He was the only one of the thousands of militia, firemen and civilians were marching through the streets celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the day the red-coated British soldiers evacuated New York and George Washington and his patriots marched in. The city was filled with music and all the bands played the day Tony was born, and that happens when very few children are born, indeed.

The second pair of twins, Hermie Neggesmith and Mattie Neggesmith, are three years old. They are very lively and full of fun and fond of playing together. Both have dark eyes and resemble their mother. They were born in 1886.

MATTHEW IS THE PET. The pet of the family is the baby, a little boy eight months old. His name is Matthew Neggesmith, and he had his birthday the most sacred day of the year, for he was born on Christmas Day, 1888. He has blue eyes like his father and he is a very good fellow, with little to say, but he thinks a good deal.

"How much will you take for your fourteen children?" Policeman Neggesmith was asked. "I wouldn't part with one of them for all New York," he replied.

MRS. NEGGESMITH SWEARS TO IT. The following is the affidavit of Mrs. Neggesmith: I, Mrs. Tillie Neggesmith, hereby make affidavit that I am forty-two years old, the wife of George F. Neggesmith, and reside at 31 East One Hundred and Thirty-third street, New York, that I was married in 1860, and that I am the mother of fourteen children, all of whom are now living, to wit: George J., born Jan. 10, 1863; Charles J., born Sept. 6, 1865; Harry M., born Aug. 25, 1867; Tillie T., born Sept. 30, 1869; Joseph F., born July 18, 1871; John W., born March 16, 1874; Lottie T., born July 4, 1877; Katie F., born Feb. 6, 1879; Thaddeus and Freddy J., twins, born Oct. 6, 1881; Tony H., born Nov. 25, 1886; Hermie

IN THE TOILS.

Byrnes' Grip Tightens on the Robert Ray Hamilton Plotters.

The Inspector Says He Can Produce the Baby's Real Mother.

Josh Mann and Grandma Swinton Still at Headquarters.

Evidence of Bigamy Which is Likely to Free the Assemblyman From His Pseudo Wife.

"Josh" Mann, Mrs. Robert Ray Hamilton's lover, and Mann's reputed mother, Mrs. Anna Swinton, find fault with their limited space in Police Headquarters.

"I can't sleep with an iron grated door between me and the sweet sunshine I love so well."

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EXTRA

2 O'CLOCK.

FOUGHT TO DIE.

Fireman Fischer Shot Himself While Struggling with a Woman.

A Supposition that He Shot at Her Also as She Fled.

The Physician Gives Hopes of His Recovery.

Among the patients in the accident ward at Bellevue Hospital this morning, is Joseph A. Fischer, twenty-six years old, a member of the Fire Department, who attempted suicide early this morning by shooting himself in the head, at the furnished-room house, 210 East Thirteenth street. He belongs to Engine Company No. 19, but for some time past has been detailed to duty on the fireboat Zopbar Mills.

He lives at 214 East Twenty-first street, but the place where he shot himself was the room of a woman with whom he had become infatuated. "There is some evidence that he meant to have the life of the woman as well as his own, the direction taken by one of the bullets fired pointing to that conclusion. Fischer has been in the Fire Department since he came of age. Three years ago, as a member of Engine No. 3, his erratic conduct made trouble for his company that resulted in its entire reorganization. About that time he fell in with Annie Lamont, a woman well known to the police. Ostensibly Fischer lived with her aged mother, but he paid this woman's rent in the house 210 East Thirteenth street, gave her the shelter of his name, and spent the greater part of his time with her. Last week Fischer absented himself from duty more than sixty hours without leave. Charges were made against him at Headquarters, and he realized, evidently, that he was coming to the end of his tether. Last night he begged off duty and met the Lamont woman at her room. They stayed over her there until after midnight, when they went to the woman's lodgings. They had scarcely entered when Fischer drew a pistol and fired at her. He was meditating mischief, told him to put up his weapon. "No! I am going to die to-night," he said. The woman grabbed the pistol; there was a struggle and it went off, pointed towards Fischer's head by accident. Thoroughly frightened, the woman ran out. As she fled five more shots rang out. Four of the bullets, like the first, ploughed holes in the ceiling, one right over the door through which the woman ran. This, it is believed, he aimed at her. A single bullet lodged in his head. Policeman Jacob Meyer, who responded to the woman's screams, found Fischer lying on the bed in his blood. He said that he did not want to live, as everybody was "going back on him."

His comrades say that the true explanation of the attempt at suicide is that he had gambled away his money betting on races at Bellevue Hospital in the morning. It was said that Fischer was out of danger. He claimed that the shooting was entirely accidental, but he refused to say anything about the bullet holes in the ceiling.

A MAN'S LEG IN THE SHARK. Bridgeport's Sleazebag Story Too Late for "The Evening World's" Competition. (SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 4.—Capt. William Shirk, William Hoy and others drew a seine in the Sound off Milford yesterday for bluefish. The net met with a sudden resistance, and when it was hauled near the shore in it were found two sharks. Both were killed, and the larger was found to be eight feet long, while the other was five feet. Dr. Downes, Medical Examiner at Bridgeport, was with a party near by, at Willa's pavilion, enjoying a shore dinner. He asked permission to cut out the shark and the other for a specimen. Afterwards he opened the larger shark and was horrified to find a man's leg with a boot on the foot. The leg was buried, but the boot has been found. In the case with the sharks were two hundred bluefish.

WALKING ON THE WATERS. Prof. Oldreive Practising for His Mink, and River Tramp. (SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Sept. 4.—Prof. Oldreive is daily practicing walking upon the water off of the Park. Two miles from next Monday he starts to walk 1,000 miles on the Mississippi River. He says he will do it inside of fourteen days. He will use six different kinds of shoes in his aquatic tramp. He will be followed by a steamer carrying friends.

O'BRIEN TAKES A NEW HAND. He and His Followers in the Eighth District Meet To-Night. As the Committee sent into the Eighth Assembly District by the Republican County Convention to reorganize the party in that borough has failed in doing the work assigned it, John J. O'Brien and his followers, who claim to be the only Republicans in the district, will meet to-night and determine what they will do in relation to the coming primaries and State Convention.

BASEBALL TO-DAY. THE LEAGUE. Pittsburgh at New York. Indianapolis at Boston. Cleveland at Philadelphia. Cincinnati at Columbus. Louisville at Philadelphia. Kansas City at Philadelphia.

THE INVENTORS STILL INVENTING. (SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The Patent Office issued patents yesterday to 413 citizens of the United States, and twenty-five to foreigners, making a total for the past year of over twenty thousand.

THE NORTH ADAMS SHOE STRIKE. (SPECIAL TO THE EVENING WORLD.) NORTH ADAMS, Mass., Sept. 4.—There are now 1,000 men engaged in the strike at the shoe shops, and the only factory remaining open is H. T. Cady's. It is thought to be doubtful whether any permanent settlement can be made.

NOT A BABY FOR \$10. On Dec. 17, 1888, she bought a baby from a midwife for \$10, and on Christmas Day she and Josh returned to New York. "Grandma" Swinton was then living in a small flat over a grocery store at 175 First street and Fourth avenue. They went there. "Have you a baby's cloak and cap?" asked Eva. "No," replied the grandma. "Well, let's go downtown and buy them," said Eva, and the party started and went to the Bowery, where the baby was equipped with the desired clothing. "Josh" and the grandma called that night at Mrs. Swinton's, and next day engaged board at 105 East Twenty-eighth street, where they lived as man and wife. Meantime they engaged and furnished a flat at 205 East Fourteenth street, over a drug

REPORTING ON COL. ROGERS. Counties Say He Betrays the Street-Cleaning Department to Tammany. The charge by Deputy Street Commissioner Rogers that his desk had been forced open and his private papers abstracted therefrom, which was published in THE EVENING WORLD yesterday, has created a great deal of talk among the politicians. Tammany Hall leaders, as well as the chiefs of the various political organizations, were notified from the Department that there is a vacancy to be filled by their organization, "said Col. Rogers. "I saw one the other day, and it was signed by Col. Rogers. Alderman Clancy, County Democrat, of the Sixth District, said: 'I went to Rogers to get an appointment for one of my constituents, and he said I could not have it. When I asked him why he said it was Mr. Crummins's order that no more appointments should be made.'"

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MRS. FLACK EXPECTED.

Col. Fellows Says She Will Be Before the Grand Jury To-Day.

District-Attorney Fellows said this morning that the Grand Jury will begin in earnest this afternoon to investigate the Flack case.

All the subpoenas for the principal witnesses have been issued, but none of them have yet been served.

Col. Fellows further said that Mrs. Flack would probably be the first witness heard by the Grand Jury and that she will be here this afternoon.

It was rumored that Will Flack was weakening and would in all probability give away the whole conspiracy when brought into the Grand Jury room.

COG'S WORK ON THE RIVER. HAMILTON FERRY BOATS COLLIDE IN THEIR BROOKLYN SLIP. A nasty fog hung over the city and its surrounding waters this morning, making trouble for the ferry-boats running during the "rush" hours.

It was dissipated in short order as soon as King Sol got thoroughly awake, but while it lasted it evoked much profanity and made itself very obstructive.

About 7 o'clock it got in its clutches the Hamilton Ferry boats Brooklyn and West Brooklyn. One was leaving her Brooklyn slip with 900 passengers aboard, and the vessel was entering from this side with about 250 passengers.

The passengers made a mad rush to the further end of the boat, but the trouble was over. The Brooklyn's side timbers were badly crushed.

Briefly told, the story as told by "Grandma" Swinton and Josh in connection with facts discovered by the Inspector himself, is that Eva induced Robert Ray Hamilton to marry her by pretending that she was the father of a child, which in reality she carried from a midwife for the sum of \$10.

Eva had been Robert Ray's mistress for nearly three years last November, when she decided to make him take her for a wife, and called upon Mrs. Swinton and Josh to assist her in the plot.

If they decided that Eva should get a baby, Mrs. Hamilton frequently called upon Dr. Burnett Morse, the leading physician there, for medical advice and tried to give him the impression that she was to become a mother.

The sturdy old practitioner refused to give her a certificate, saying that she was not in any such condition. Thereupon Eva said him and told him his services were no longer required.

On Dec. 17, 1888, she bought a baby from a midwife for \$10, and on Christmas Day she and Josh returned to New York. "Grandma" Swinton was then living in a small flat over a grocery store at 175 First street and Fourth avenue. They went there. "Have you a baby's cloak and cap?" asked Eva.

"No," replied the grandma. "Well, let's go downtown and buy them," said Eva, and the party started and went to the Bowery, where the baby was equipped with the desired clothing. "Josh" and the grandma called that night at Mrs. Swinton's, and next day engaged board at 105 East Twenty-eighth street, where they lived as man and wife. Meantime they engaged and furnished a flat at 205 East Fourteenth street, over a drug

THE OUTLOOK YET DUBIOUS. (BY CABLE TO THE PRESS NEWS ASSOCIATION.) LONDON, Sept. 4.—The outcome of the strike is still dubious, and its spread to Liverpool, Rochester, Dover and possibly to other ports inspire alarm. Business, financial and commercial, is paralyzed. At Gravesend and other points on the Thames the number of vessels anchored in the stream is increasing, and it will not concede a jot to the Perishable cargo, are ruined; others, losing their market by delay, are valueless. The wharfters are in secret negotiation with the strikers. The latter are willing to abate their original demands as regards the wharfingers and shipowners owing to the kindness they have displayed, but they will not concede a jot to the dock companies. The Strikers' Central Committee is expected to issue to-day a manifesto laying down the conditions on which the men may resume work.